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PV Homeowners' Group Tries to Scuttle Rolling Hills Annexation to Torrance

TORRANCE MAY BE CUT OFF

Proposed annexation of 6800 acres in the Rolling Hills area to Torrance developed into a free-for-all this week, with Palos Verdes moving into a position which could leave Torrance out in the cold.

The Rancho Palos Verdes Homeowners Protective Association, headed by George Fenn, has asked the Palos Verdes Estates City Council to annex a tract of land that would cut Torrance off from the 6800 acres offered for annexation by Great Lakes Carbon corporation.

The Palos Verdes City Council has the matter under study at present and PV officials are non-committal on the proposal so far.

4-Ring Circus
 In the meantime the annexation issue is developing into a touring circus with the Palos Verdes Homeowners Association, the County Regional Planning Commission, Great Lakes Carbon, and the city of Torrance each exhibiting its own schemes and clamoring for approval.

The homeowners' organization is asking for minimum lot sizes of one-third of an acre. Great Lakes wants 7000 (Continued on Page 9)

Moyer To Manage Linda Vista Press

Don Moyer, formerly associated with the Torrance Press when that newspaper was first started, has once more joined the staff. He has been appointed general manager of the Linda Vista and Clairemont Press, sister publications, near San Diego.

Moyer, a journalism graduate from USC, has served as editorial assistant, sports editor, and photography editor on the Arcadia Tribune and worked in an editorial capacity on the San Jacinto Register.

He was last associated with Oscar Maples, Torrance Ford dealer, where Moyer was a new car salesman.

Moyer, who lived at 1215 Ponthill, has moved to the new location, together with his wife, Nadine, and their two children, Christine, 4½ years, and Douglas, 14 months.

THEY'RE BITING ALL OVER

Despite the fact that the bait was good, Bertha Roberts of 1841 W. 182nd street wasn't able to get a nibble from her ads in other papers until she advertised in the Torrance Press classified section.

Mrs. Roberts, who wanted housework by the hour, placed the following ad in the Torrance Press:

HOUSEWORK by the hour. \$1 hour and bus fare. Hollywood. Riders preferably. DA. 4-7633
 "I'm very happy about the wonderful results," Mrs. Roberts exclaimed. "I have my week all filled up with work close to my home."

Mrs. Roberts, as other Press classified advertisers, found out that the Torrance Press has terrific pull.

Three little lines (15 words) costing only 90 cents can land you quick results . . . call FA. 8-2345.



UNAWARE OF HER FAME little Debra Lorraine Roe, the first baby born New Year's day in Torrance, continues to snooze peacefully. Debra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Roe of 23657 Madison, Torrance.

The little girl, born at 10:41 a.m., will receive numerous gifts from Torrance merchants. Watching her is her one-year-old brother, Robert Leon, Jr.

Winning New Year's Baby A Girl

While most new-born babies come into the world with only their birthday suits and a healthy wail, little Debra Lorraine Roe brought some additional birthday presents with her. Debra is the first New Year's baby born in Torrance and is therefore entitled to numerous gifts offered by Torrance merchants on this occasion.

Little Debra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Roe of 23657 Madison, Torrance, was born at 10:41 a.m. in Hawthorne Hospital. She weighed six pounds and three ounces upon being delivered by Dr. Kevin Kelly.

Last Baby in '54
 Getting in just under dead (Continued on Page 9)

Broom Goes Boom

A road foreman, apparently exasperated by drivers who used a newly graded part of the road for short-cut purposes at Torrance boulevard and Hawthorne avenue, took his anger out on one of the cars by smashing the front and rear windshields with a heavy street broom, police disclosed.

Occupants narrowly escaped injuries from the flying glass in this Monday morning escapade. Cut on \$1000 bail and scheduled to appear for his arraignment on charges of assault and malicious mischief in South Bay Municipal Court Friday is Earl Mecham, 40, road foreman, according to Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett.

Victim
 Victim of the attack was Bart Vartanian of 640 Via del Monte, Palos Verdes. Vartanian said that he followed a line of cars over the ungraded portion of Hawthorne avenue when Mecham suddenly took a street broom and smashed out the rear window of Vartanian's car. Mecham then came around to (Continued on Page 2)

Police Trap Abortionist, Victim Aids in Arrest

A Los Angeles chiropractor, responsible for performing at least one abortion involving a Torrance resident, was trapped into a confession Monday by Det. Sgt. F. L. Mitchell of the Los Angeles Homicide division.

Arrested on suspicion of performing an illegal operation was Miles Hovey, 68, chiropractor, of 918 Albany street, Los Angeles. The arrest was made by Det. Sgts. F. L. Mitchell and D. Galindo.

Led to Home
 Working with the abortion victim after her recovery from serious complications, Mitchell and Galindo were led to the Albany location where the operation was allegedly performed.

Sgt. Mitchell, posing as the woman's brother, went to see Hovey, asking him to return the \$200 paid him for the operation. Mitchell explained that the operation had caused serious complications requiring additional medical treatment.

Admits Operating
 Hovey fell for the story. He said he remembered the case but could not return the money since he had spent it already. Upon hearing the confession, Mitchell and Galindo made the arrest.

Hovey used the standard excuse that this was the only abortion he had ever performed and that he did it as a friend, Det. Sgt. Mitchell stated.

A complaint against Hovey will be sought through the District Attorney's office. Hovey is presently in Los Angeles city jail.

Hovey lived at the Albany location. Detectives found numerous professional equipment there which is not permitted by the chiropractor's license.

Hovey was calm upon being arrested, Mitchell stated. The man has been married several times and has two grown-up children.

Local Cartoonist Ribs Flying Saucer Craze

It's those flying saucers again! Saucers are still a controversial subject but as far as Jay Oling, 33, of 1017 Faysmith, Torrance, is concerned flying saucers are something to laugh about rather than take seriously.

Oling, a pilot for United Airlines, has more than one reason to smile . . . he has just sold his first series of cartoons on flying saucers to "Flying," a national aviation magazine.

This is Oling's first big break. The young pilot, who draws whenever he has some spare time, hopes to work into the cartooning and illustrating field.

Real Gone Guys
 Oling's flying saucer series is called "Orbit O'Ryan" which suddenly sounds more Irish than interplanetary.

Despite the streamlined traveling apparatus, the inhabitants of Orbit O'Ryan have a much closer resemblance to human beings and their exasperating antics than to the gloriously perfect spacemen.

O'Ryan's interplanetary crowd appears preoccupied with such surprisingly familiar concerns as wine, women, and song, and the fellows speak their mind on these matters quite plainly. Oling's first cartoon will appear in the February edition of "Flying" which will be out on the magazine stands in mid-January.

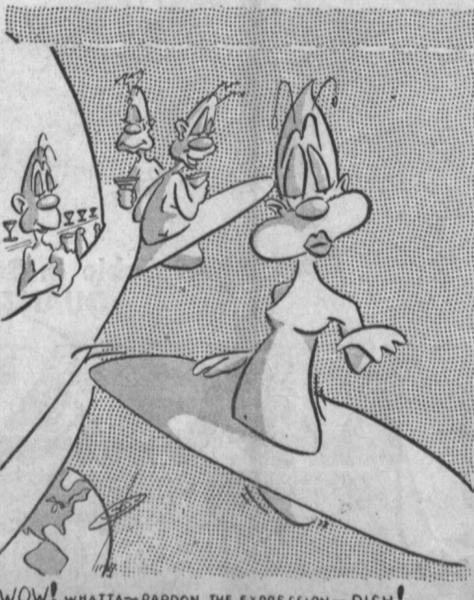
Origin

"It took me two months to develop the O'Ryan character," Oling said with a smile. "There isn't much to do or think about on night flight trips and that's when the idea occurred to me. The idea came to me about 2½ years ago," he continued. "Then I laid it aside again for half a year. Sometimes two or three cartoons occur to me in a day. Sometimes I'll go for a period of time without being able to think of one. It takes one day to experiment with a cartoon and another one to finish it."

Process

Oling uses a new process called zip-a-tone in drawing his cartoons. First he makes his regular pen drawing and (Continued on Page 3)

ORBIT O'RYAN



SHINE 'ER UP — It's time again for the awarding of the Citizen of the Year trophy. Seen getting it ready are Paul Loranger, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mervin M. Schwab, who received the trophy last year. Nominations are now in order. Winner will receive the trophy at the annual Chamber dinner to be announced soon.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 'BEST CITIZEN' AWARD

It's time again for Torrance residents to ask themselves "Who's been the best Citizen of the Year?" The perpetual trophy, awarded for the first time last year, will be awarded again at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet this year, according to President Paul Loranger.

Choice of the winner is determined during the year of 1954 to the city of Torrance. Candidates are to be nominated in writing. The letter is to be sent to the Selection Board, Citizen of the Year Award, Chamber of Commerce, Torrance.

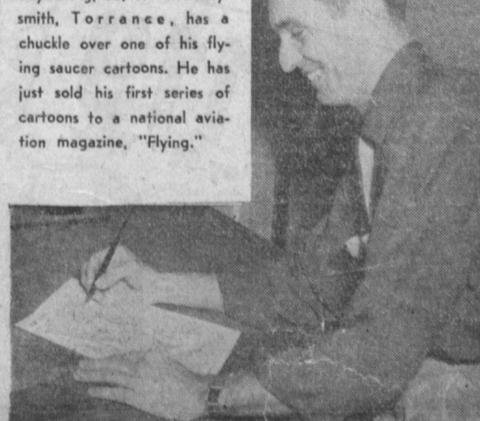
Eligible
 Men or women over 21 years old are eligible for nomination. Individuals must be residents within the city limits of Torrance, or own property or business in Torrance, or be employed by an organization within the Torrance city limits, Loranger stated.

Candidates may be any race, religion or color, and of any political belief (except Communist). They must be American citizens. The award cannot be (Continued on Page 2)

'Murder Mile' Victim Dying
 The Murder Mile again figured in a critical accident late yesterday afternoon when Eugene Sells, 78, of Walteria was struck by a car on Pacific Coast Highway in front of the Torrance Airport Halfway House. Sells, who started to cross the highway, was thrown by the oncoming car. He is not expected to live. He was rushed to Harbor General Hospital. Driver of the car was Glenn (Continued on Page 2)

TWO TOTS CHOKE TO DEATH
 Two tots suffocated to death in accidents occurring within two hours of each other last Thursday. Apparently choking to death on a baby aspirin tablet administered to her by her mother was Patricia Ann Oberpriller, 16 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oberpriller of 17622 Kornblum avenue. The little girl was suffering from a severe cold, according to her mother, who gave her the pill to provide relief. The tablet lodged in the baby's throat. Firemen were unable to revive the girl, nor was Oberpriller, who attempted to breathe into the tots' mouth to keep her breathing until firemen arrived. Another tot, Frederick Burch, 3½-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burch of 5320 Palos Verdes boulevard, also died, apparently suffocating to death in his crib. He was found early Thursday morning by his mother. County lifeguards worked with a resuscitator for an hour trying to revive him. Surviving Patricia Oberpriller are her parents, a sister, Dona, and a brother, Frank. Surviving the Burch baby are his parents and two sisters.

THAT'S A FUNNY ONE—
 Jay Oling, 33, of 1017 Faysmith, Torrance, has a chuckle over one of his flying saucer cartoons. He has just sold his first series of cartoons to a national aviation magazine, "Flying."



City Asks Action by Supervisors

It's high time to start action on bringing a municipal courthouse to Torrance, the City Council agreed Tuesday night, and unanimously consented to approach the County Board of Supervisors on the matter.

Mayor Nick Draie, who initiated the move, recommended that City Attorney James Hall write the County Board of Supervisors and inform that body that Torrance is in dire need of a municipal court.

Declare District
 Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, who has been actively working for a local court, informed the city after the last special census that the fastest way of getting a local courthouse was to ask the Board of Supervisors or create a municipal court district embracing this area.

Thomas believed that the Board could create a court district by majority vote, thus eliminating the need of special action by the State Legislature.

City Manager George Stevens indicated that the Council did not push the matter too fast after the recent special census because at the time the case load (Continued on Page 2)

LATE NEWS

INCOME TAX FORMS:
 Forms for filing income tax returns will be available at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce about Wednesday of next week, it was announced. The Chamber is located corner El Prado and Cravens.

BURGLARY: Juveniles were suspected in a burglary of Madonna elementary school over the week-end. Missing were \$20. Many other objects of value were left untouched, according to Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett. Damage was estimated at \$40.

DAY NURSERY: Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Lawson who have taken over the Guys and Dolls nursery whose license was not renewed under the previous (Continued on Page 9)

Award Bid To Improve 205th Street

Contract for the improvement of the south side of West 205th street, from Western avenue to Harvard boulevard, has been awarded, Councilman John S. Gibson announced today.

The improvement includes rock and oil paving, concrete curbs, gutters, driveways and sidewalks in the one block area. The north side of the street already is improved.

McAmis and Baker Construction company was the lowest of four bidders, submitting a proposal for a total of \$5,505. (Continued on Page 2)

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